IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTING FORMS BY THERMAL DEVELOPMENT

the specification of which was filed on November 11, 2004 as Application No. PCT/EP2004/012787.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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